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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p). Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents, which the Examiner indicated were not found with the Information Disclosure Statement

filed on June 10, 2002, and show that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. An English language abstract has been provided for JP 5 208 912.

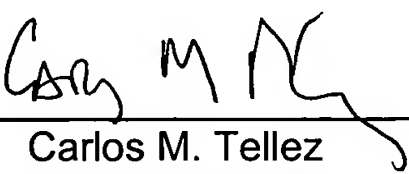
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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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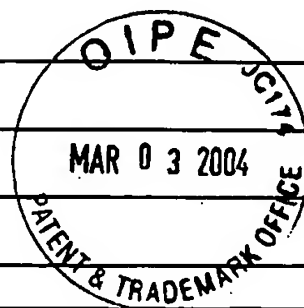
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
1	esp@cenet English-language abstract of JP 5 208 917, published on August 20, 1993.
2	International Search Report for PCT/EP 00/06282 dated November 6, 2000.

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